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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

(Contributed by Leo Culleton, 92 Piccadilly, London, W., and
the late Lothrop Withington.)

(Continued.)

RICHARD CHAMBERLAINE of Astly, county Warwick, Esq. Will 7 October 1629; proved 12 May 1630. To be buried in the Church of Astley. By various grants and leases of Manor of Astley and lands in Bentley, Ansley, Riton, Bedworth, Fellongley, Arley and Corley, county Warwick for benefit of Jane Chamberlaine my daughter the wife of Richard Chamberlaine of Templehouse, county Warwick and for benefit of Richard, Thomas and John the three sons of said daughter. Said Richard Chamberlaine of Temple house and Jane his wife in Trinity 1624 filed a bill in Chancery against me said Richard and Edward Chamberlaine my son and Edward Chamberlaine my grandson and against John Gobert and Steven Hales Esqre deceased and Humfry Cole Esq. I charge my son in law Richard Chamberlaine and my daughter Jane Chamberlain to continue the said manor in name and blood of Chamberlaines. I have already given marriage portions to two daughters of my son John Chamberlaine deceased and now to Elizabeth and Fraunces two other daughters £100 each and £5 yearly for maintenance. To married daughters of John 40s. each. To Humfrey Adderlye Esq £300 and Richard Baldwin gent £100 which they have paid for my son John's debts. If my son Edward and grandchild Edward Chamberlaine confirm the grant of the Manor to son in law Richard Chamberlaine before 18 months then Edward my grandchild and Elizabeth his wife and others their children shall have the Annuity of £200 mentioned in an indenture made by me, Richard Chamberlaine, my son in law and Jane his wife, and Edward Chamberlaine my grandchild dated 1 June 1625. My sons Edward and Robert

Chamberliane not to molest my son in law. To my daughters Margaret and Elizabeth 40s. each. To servant Marie Field £10. To Poor of Astley 40s. Residuary Legatees and Executors: daughter Jane and her son Richard. Overseers: Son in law and Humphrey Colles of Bicknell, county Warwick. Witnesses: Humfrey Colles, Henry Monforte, Thomas Chamberlaine, Richard Westly, Alexander Lynde, Mary Feild and Ed: Wayste. Scroope 41.

In the chancel of St. Peters Church, New Kent County, Virginia, is a mural tablet (now nearly hidden by a modern lath and plaster partition which should be removed) bearing the following inscription

"Near this place lyes interred the
Body of Mr. Wm. Chamberlayne
late of this Parish merch't
Descended of an Ancient and
worthy Family in The County of
Hereford.
He married Elizabeth ye eldest
Daughter of Richard Littlepage of
This County, by whom he has
left issue, three sons, Edward Pye,
Thomas & Richard, & Two daughters
Mary & Elizabeth.
Ob. 20th Aug't, 1736, Aetat 36.
Hoc marmor exiguum suum
Amoris monumentum Posuit
Conjux Moestissimi
1737
Also Ann Kidly Born since
Her Fathers Decease"

William Chamberlayne has many descendants; but it is with the English ancestry that this note is concerned. The name of the son Edward Pye Chamberlayne gives the clue.

The registers of the parish of Dewchurch, Herefordshire, contain entries of the baptism, on Oct. 29, 1605, of Bridget, daughter of Sir Walter Pye, of The Mynde, in that parish; of her marriage, Sept. 26, 1627, to Richard Chamberlayne, Esq.; of the death, Oct. 2, 1699, of Magdalen, wife of Thomas Chamberlayne, and of the baptisms of the following children of Edward Pye Chamberlayne, Gent; and Ann his wife: (1) Edward Pye, Aug. 4, 1691; (2) Thomas, April 18, 1693; (3) Richard, March 26, 1695; (4) George, Aug. 12, 1697; (5) William, Sept. 25, 1699; (6) Ann, Aug. 15, 1700; (7) Mary, Feb. 2, 1702. It will be noted that the birth of the William baptised at Dewchurch would correspond exactly with the age of William of Virginia.

Two other sons of E. P. Chamberlayne, the elder, can probably be accounted for. There are in Surry Co., Va., several powers of attorney, dated 1734 &c, from Thomas Chamberlayne, of Bristol, merchant, and the Va. Gazette, in 1736 or 1737, announced the loss of the ship "Pye", belonging to Mr. Thomas Chamberlayne of Bristol. In *Familiae Minorum Gentium* (Harleian Society) in a Clarke pedigree is given the

marriage of Mary (born 1698, died July 17, 1747) daughter of Samuel Clarke, to Thomas Chamberlayne, of Bristol, merchant. They had issue: (1) Edward Pye, born May 2, 1733, died 1742; (2) Thomas Gunter, born Aug. 17, 1735, died Aug. 19; (3) Thomas, died young; (4) Ann, born Feb. 8, 1737-8.

Atkins History of Gloucestershire (1711) says, concerning the manor of Dymock: "Edward Pye Chamberlain is the present lord thereof, who hath a very good seat called the Bois, and a great estate." Fosbrooke, in "Abstracts of Records (&c) respecting the County of Gloucester," says that Edward Seys, Esq., in 1680, "sold the manors of Dymock and Boyce, the mansion house called Boyce Place, and Sundry estates, to Edw. Pye, merchant, who dying 1692, Edward Pye Chamberlayne became seized by devise to whose son of the same name they descended in 1729. In 1769 he sold to Mrs. Ann Cam."

In the church at Dymock are the following epitaphs:

"Here lyeth the Body of
Edward Pye, of Boyce, Esq.
who departed this Life,
in Hopes of a better,
the 31st of August, 1692
in the eightieth year of his Age."

Arms: Ermine, a Bend lozengy Gules, for *Pye*. Crest, a Cross fitchy, between two Wings.

"In Memory of
Edward Pye Chamberlain, Esq.
of the Boyce, in this Parish,
who died April 20, 1729,
aged 38 years.

Likewise of
Elizabeth his Wife,
who died Nov. 19, 1775,
aged 76.

And also of four of his Children
who died Infants.

This Monument was erected by
Edward Pye Chamberlayne, Esq.
in Duty to his worthy and deceased
Parents."

The age of Edward Pye Chamberlayne, of Dymock, corresponds exactly with the baptism of E. P. Chamberlayne at Dewchurch.

There are also at Dymock tombs of Thomas Wall Esq. (d-1694) and of "Mary Chamberlain, widow and Relict of Thomas Wall, of Lintridge in this Parish, Esq., of the Family of Edward Pye, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Great Dymock" who died in 1707. The Visitation of Gloucestershire 1682-3, states that Thomas Wall, aged 23, 1683, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Chamberlayne, of London, merchant"; and among the allegations for marriage license. (Vicar General of Canterbury)" is the following: "Thomas Wall, of Dymock, &c. Gloucester, Gent., about 22, and Mrs. Mary Chamberlayne, of St. Gyles, Cripplegate, London, spinster, about 17, with consent of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlain widow."

The identity of Richard Chamberlayne Esq., who in 1627, married Bridget Pye is shown by a tomb at Astley, Warwickshire.

"NVDVS EXIIT VT ADVENIT
RICARDVS CHAMBERLAYNE,
SOLA SPE RESTAT. QVI OBIIT
VI DIE NOVEMB. AN. DNI. 1654.
[A cheveron between three escollaps.]

QVEM STATIM SECVTA EST BRID-
GETTA EJVSDem, DVM VIXERVNT,
ANIMI, CONJVX CHARISSIMA,
EODEM NVNC SVB MARMORE
EADemQ. SPE RESTAT. OBIIT
VIII DIE MARTII, AN. DNI. 1655
[A bend Lozenge.]"

The Visitation of Warwickshire 1619, has the following pedigree of the Chamberlaynes of Astley:

Edward Chamberlayne, of Sherborne in the County of Oxford had two sons: (1) Sir Leonard, of Sherborne, eldest son, (2) Edward Chamberlayne of Astley, Warwickshire, 2d son. This Edward had a son Edward Chamberlayne of Astley, Esq., who married ——— Harecourt, and had a son Richard of Astley, 1619, the name of whose wife is not given. Richard had issue: (1) Elizabeth, married George, or Gerrard Gifford, of Chillington, Co., of Stafford; (2) Jane, married Richard Chamberlayne of the Court of Wards; (3) John, married ———Grevill (and had Edward son and heir, Elizabeth, Mary, Frances, Margaret and Jane); (4) Edward; (5) Robert; (6) Margaret.

Richard Chamberlayne, who was the head of the family in 1619, was the Richard whose will is given above. He had, evidently conveyed the Astley estate to his son-in-law Richard Chamberlayne. It is probable that it was Richard, son of the latter and named in his grandfathers will, who married Bridget Pye, and died in 1654.

The Visitation of Oxfordshire, 1634, shows that a daughter of Richard Chamberlayne (the son-in-law of the will) married into still another branch of the family. It states that Sir Thomas Chamberlayne of Wickham Castle, Oxfordshire, a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, had a son Thomas, 22 years old 1635, who married Anne (Jane?) daughter of Richard Chamberlayne of Templehouse, Warwickshire, of the Court of Wards and Liveries, descended from the Chamberlaynes of Denford. The same pedigree shows that Sir Richard Chamberlayne, of Sherborne, (great grandfather of the Sir Thomas Chamberlayne) had a younger son, Thomas of Denford.

It is evident that Wm. Chamberlayne of Virginia was of the Astley family, but a good deal of work would be required to fix the exact line.]

That there were other members of the family at Astley not named in the Visitation of 1619 is shown by the wills which follow.]

WALTER CHAMBERLEYN of Astley in the Countie of Worcester. [Warwick?]

Dated 22 June 1611. Proved 18 Oct. 1611. Towardes the Reparacons of the parishe church of Astley, three shillings fower pence.

To poor folkes, fortie shillings, to be distributed at the Discretion of the Overseers for the poore of Astley and of Mr SHEPHEARD, parson of Astley.

To my sonne JAMES CHAMMBERLEYN, one hundred and fower poundes, And my will ys that XPIAN my Wife shall have the moytie or one halfe of the Interest of the same so long as she shalbe charged for the keeping of hym. Also to the said JAMES, my Lease of Mytton provided that XPIAN my said wife shall have the Rent of the same during her life. To HUMFREY, my sonne, one hundred and three score poundes and all my "Lambes, Slayes and gears and ymplementes belonging to weaving."

CHRISTIAN, my said Wife shall enjoye my Lease of my house I hold of Mr. JAMES, during her life and after her decease to HUMFREY my said sonne and to JOHANE his wife and to theire heires and assignes.

To the children of THOMAS PALMER, fower poundes. And to the children of my Cosin WALTER COLLIER, sixe shillings eight pence, a peece.

To my brother in lawe JOHN MARTEN his children, fyve shillings a peece. And to the children of JOHN VICARIES of Shrawley, two shillings a peece.

Residuary Legatees and Executors:—ZPIAN my wife and HUMFREY my sonne

Supervisors:—my kynesman WALTER COLLIER and JOHN FARELEY of Astley.

JOHN SHEPHEARDE, Clerke parson of Asteley, }
who wrote the same. } Witness.

Proved 18 Oct. 1611 by the Executors named. Wood 62.

JOHN CHAUMBERLEYN of Astley in the Countie of Warwicke, Esquire

Dated 11 May 1618

Proved 23 Oct. 1619.

Sentence 23 Oct. 1619.

First I ordayne and make Executors of this my will Sr RICHARD HUSSEY of Adbright Hussey in the Countie of Salop, Knighte, Sr THOMAS CHEYNEY of Sondon in the Countie of Bedford, Knighte and HUMFREY ATHERLEY of Weddington in the Countie of Warwicke, esquire.

And I do will that they first paye all suche Debtes as I owe unto ALICE DUDLEY, daughter of Sr ROBERT DUDLEY, knighte, for the payment whereof my said Executors stande joyntlie bound with me.

And the Remaynder (yf any shalbe) shalbe bestowed uppon my daughters equallie to be devided among them.

RICHARD THORNES, JOHN MILLFORD, LEONARD WILLIAMS, JOHN POWELL, THOMAS JAMES, Witnesses.

Proved 23 Oct. 1619 by the Executors named. 83 Parker.

SENTENCE given 23 Oct. 1619, in a Suit between Sir RICHARD HUSSEY, knight, and Sir THOMAS CHEYNEY, Knight and HUMFREY ATHERLEY Esq, executors of the WILL of JOHN CHAMBERLEYN late of Astley, in the Countie of Warwick, Esq. on the one part and ELIZABETH CHAMBERLEYN, relict of the said deceased of the other, pronouncing for the sanity of deceased and in favour of the Will exhibited by the executors. 83 Parker.

From the Latin.

ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAINE of Ashley late wife of John Chamberlaine of Ashley, county Warwick, Esq. Will 11 August 1620; proved 1 May 1621. £10 for a stone to cover my husbands Mr. Halmer's grave. To my neece Mary Trussell £140. To Sir Henry Martin Knight standing cup and the refusal of my best bed, and bedding. To my sister Lewes £10 and some clothing. To my sister Bendsteed ring and £10. To my nepegew William Trussell £3. To my kinsman Richard Dalton £5. To John Trussell £6. To the poor £3. To Mr. Newdigate a ring. To my servant Edward Hinshaw 30s. To Dorothe Higginson my maid 20s. To my neece Amy Trussell £5. Residue to my neece said Mary Trussell, Executors: Dr. Morton Lord Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Hon. Lord Spencer and Sir Henry Marten. To each of them £10. Witnesses: W. Hunsdon, Tho: Boyland, John Temple. Proved. by the three executors. Dale, 37.